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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner maintains the rejections of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Donne (U.S. Patent 6,486,410) in view of pages 148-152 of Systems Engineering Tools by Harold Chestnut ("Chestnut").

With respect to independent claims 1 and 2, in the previous amendment, Applicant argued that the applied references, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest all of